

Arkansas

Broiler Hatchery

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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 4 Percent From Last Year

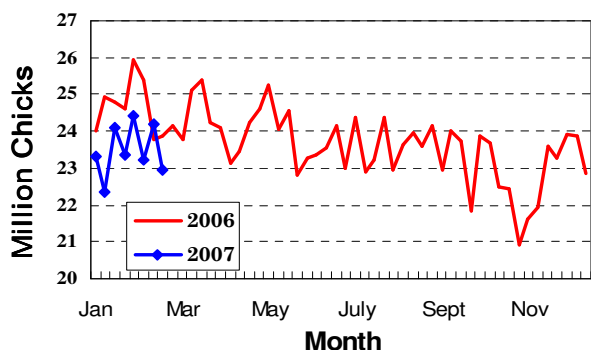
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 23.0 million during the week ending February 24, 2007. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week in 2006, and down 4 percent from the revised previous week, and included 3.0 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2006 through February 24, 2007 were 187.9 million, down 5 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 22.8 million, down 13 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.5 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

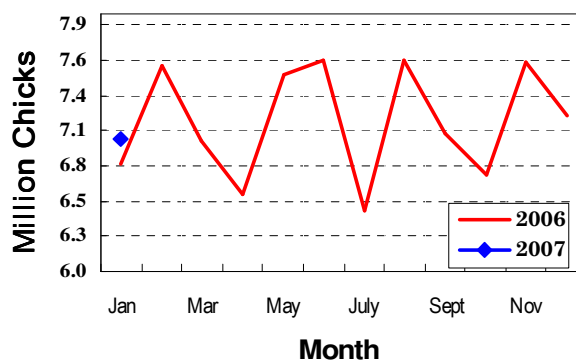
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 27.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 24, 2007, down 11 percent from the same period last year, and down 1 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 7.02 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2007, up 3 percent from January 2006.

Chicks Placed in Arkansas by Week, 2006-2007



U. S. Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks Placed for Domestic Hatchery Supply Flocks, 2006 - 2007



Week Ending 1/	Chicks Placed in Arkansas		
	Year		% of Prev. Year
	2006	2007	
	Thousand		
Jan. 20	24,773	24,096	97
Jan. 27	24,597	23,381	95
Feb. 3	25,961	24,410	94
Feb. 10	25,383	23,244	92
Feb. 17	23,786	24,192*	102
Feb. 24	23,863	22,970	96

	U.S. Pullet Chicks Placed		
Month	Year		% of Prev. Year
	2005-2006	2006-2007	
	Thousand		
Aug.	7,484	7,631	102
Sept.	7,132	7,063	99
Oct.	6,944	6,744	97
Nov.	7,298	7,618	104
Dec.	7,112	7,176*	101
Jan.	6,825	7,015	103

1/ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* Revised

Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Weeks, January 27, 2007 - February 24, 2007

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	27-Jan	3-Feb	10-Feb	17-Feb	24-Feb	% 1/	27-Jan	3-Feb	10-Feb	17-Feb	24-Feb	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	30,640 *	30,382 *	30,476	30,912 *	30,755	97	20,604	20,315	19,693 *	20,150 *	20,616	97
Arkansas	27,758	27,525	27,822	27,995	27,708	89	23,381	24,410	23,244	24,192 *	22,970	96
Delaware	3,840	3,852	3,995	3,993	3,994	102	5,457	5,550	4,576	5,643	4,190	74
Florida	1,369	1,369 *	1,363	1,362	1,365	99	1,447 *	1,745 *	1,559 *	1,595 *	1,592	106
Georgia	34,597	35,107 *	35,080	35,777	35,637	102	28,590	27,628	28,409	28,819 *	28,676	106
Kentucky	7,770 *	7,600 *	7,757 *	7,592 *	7,607	107	6,501 *	6,512 *	6,734 *	6,277 *	5,891	100
Louisiana	3,695	3,711	3,740	3,833	3,802	91	3,310	3,410	3,548	3,597	3,592	86
Maryland	8,729	8,078	8,781	8,822	8,743	99	5,214	5,124	5,946	5,185	5,778	115
Mississippi	18,529	18,816	19,044	19,195	19,044	104	15,965	16,089	16,442	16,907	16,956	103
N. Carolina	18,619	18,566 *	18,280	19,072	18,708	96	15,525	15,314	14,914	15,834	15,494	101
Oklahoma	6,508	6,553	6,472	6,526 *	6,542	99	5,635	4,381	4,814	4,667 *	5,304	98
Pennsylvania	3,679	3,929 *	3,672 *	3,929 *	3,831	91	2,994	2,908 *	2,865 *	2,731 *	2,915	107
S. Carolina	5,361	5,493	5,308	5,499	5,446	102	4,425	5,508	5,260	4,165	4,306	99
Texas	13,871	14,454	14,626	14,660	14,617	96	11,931	12,157	11,827	11,551	11,966	95
Virginia	5,879	6,177	6,146	6,116	6,179	96	4,802	4,900	4,985	4,725 *	4,963	97
CA,MO,TN & WV	19,391	19,779	19,446 *	19,661 *	19,569	108	15,792	16,051	16,246 *	15,685 *	16,906	102
19 State Total	210,235 *	211,391 *	212,008 *	214,944 *	213,547		171,573 *	172,002 *	171,062 *	171,723 *	172,115	
Prev. Year Total	214,147	212,810	212,616	215,181	216,954		174,755	174,471	176,021	174,381	173,142	
% of Prev. Year	98	99	100	100	98		98	99	97	98	99	
Approximate Marketing Date 2007 2/							17-Mar	24-Mar	31-Mar	7-Apr	14-Apr	

* Revised in current week.

1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

2/ Industry average; seven weeks from placement.

Broiler Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 24, 2007. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 24, 2007. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative Placements from December 31, 2006 through February 24, 2007 were 1.38 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.